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WHILE RUSSIANS  
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tance Away

While no news has been received of organized resistance by Turks in the vicinity of Erzerum since the Turkish stronghold in Armenia was taken by Russians, Petrograd advices indicate that it was thought possible the Turks would make a stand on the western edge of the Erzerum valley, 11 miles from the city. It is not thought possible that they have been able to erect any powerful fortification there, however.

The latest Petrograd official statement reported the Turks fleeing in disorder. Details from the Russian side indicate no large captures of men when the fortress fell. The bulk of the Turkish troops were apparently well on the retreat westward at the time the inner forts were taken, only the rear guard taking part in the last day's fighting. Reinforcements which the Turks were sending to Erzerum are reported to have been a five or six days' march distant when the city surrendered.

Meanwhile the Russians are active along the Black sea coast to the north of Sebastopol, a dispatch reporting the bombardment of Vitezh, 15 miles east of Trebizond. A Russian advance landward in the direction of Trebizond on the coast north of Erzerum has already been unofficially reported.

There appears to be somewhat greater military activity in Galicia than for some days past. Petrograd reports an Austrian defensive on the Dniester, near Usciezk, the attack being launched after intensive artillery preparation. The assault was repulsed, it is declared.

Aftermath advices indicate that some important military movement may be in preparation on the western front.

ERZERUM GARRISON  
LARGELY ESCAPED

Russians Did Not Invest the Place But  
Carried It By Assault—Kurdish  
Massacre Thousands of  
Armenians.

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 19.—A semi-official news agent says: "The exact number of Turkish troops captured at Erzerum is not known, but the greater part of the garrison got away, as the fortress was not invested, but was carried by assault. The number of guns captured reaches 1,000. "Before the evacuation, Kurds mercilessly massacred thousands of Armenians. "The city's defensive works were organized by the German commander, Posselt, and are spoken of as admirable and embodying all the resources of modern artillery and engineering. "The latest advices indicate that the heavy Turkish reinforcements which had been hastening to the aid of Erzerum failed to arrive in time."

GERMAN OFFENSIVE  
IS INDICATED

By Movement of Troops in South and  
Central Belgium During the  
Past Few Days.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 19.—In the course of the past six days, great German troop movements have occurred in south and central Belgium, says a dispatch from the frontier to The Telegraaf. Long trains with artillery and infantry are running along the railroads to the west and south and some small detachments are being transported via Louvain. Wavren and Grembois to the southeast. Louvain, the dispatch adds, is still a strong point of support of German strategy and many conferences of high military officers are held there.

PASSENGERS SAFE;  
SHIP IS ASHORE

British Steamship Comie Castle Is Re-  
ported Aground Off Mombasa, Brit-  
ish East Africa.

London, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Comie Castle is ashore on a reef off Mombasa, British East Africa. The passengers have been landed.

The Comie Castle was last reported at Marseilles on Jan. 19.

## FEARS SEA RAID.

Lord Derby Thinks British Navy Might  
Be Able to Stop It.

Liverpool, Feb. 19.—"I have always believed," said Lord Derby, director of recruiting, at a working men's mass meeting here last night, "that sooner or later the Germans will attempt a great sea raid on this country and that however well organized the navy is it will not be able to stop it, but I believe the army and navy are now so co-ordinated that even if a land comes it will be practically impossible, and that those who come will be wiped out."

Colchester People Married in Montpelier.  
Guiseppi Lonne and Therise Alonni, both of Colchester, were married in Montpelier to-day by Justice of the Peace H. C. Shurtliff.

Cold Weather Halts Ice Races.  
On account of cold weather, the ice races at Montpelier were postponed this afternoon to next week.

GERMAN SEA ORDER  
DECLARED ILLEGAL

United States Has Notified All American  
Diplomats and Consular Agents Abroad  
That Merchantmen Have Right  
to Carry Guns.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—All American diplomatic and consular officials abroad have been notified in a circular communication from the state department that the position of the United States is that merchant ships have a right to carry defensive armament.

This move, which became known yesterday, is the first formal announcement that the United States does not accept as legal the announced intention of Germany and Austria to sink armed merchant ships without warning after Feb. 29 as coming within international law.

It is thought certain that the question of defining defensive armament will be the basis of lengthy negotiations with the central powers beginning when the reply is received to the message outlining the views of the United States which Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has sent his government. The response is not expected before the last of next week.

It was stated in German circles last night that evidence in their possession led to the conclusion that all British merchant ships, with the possible exception of those in trans-Atlantic trade, had instructions to resist capture. It was pointed out that the Clan MacTavish, sunk by the raider Moeve, the captor of the liner Appam, had fought with her guns until she went down.

It also was declared that aboard the Appam was found a document containing instructions to the original confidential instruction "to all British born sea captains" and setting forth that "any submarine approaching a merchant vessel may be treated as hostile."

## DISCORD IN FRATERNAL ORDER.

Burlington Lodge of Moose Seizes In-  
junction Against Supreme Lodge.

Burlington, Feb. 19.—Queen City lodge, No. 1,550, of the Loyal Order of Moose, a Vermont corporation with rooms on Main street in this city, has secured from Judge Willard W. Miles of the county court a temporary injunction against the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, a corporation established under the laws of Indiana, and with offices at Anderson, Ind., restraining the latter lodge from entering the rooms of the former or interfering with their property or any of their members.

The hearing on the question of making the injunction permanent will be held at the office of County Clerk C. J. Russell at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The petition for the injunction states that a law suit against Queen City lodge, No. 1,550, of the Loyal Order of Moose, has been started by the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, that the name of the latter organization is similar to that of the former, has been used without their consent and has not been registered under the laws of Vermont and that because of a trusteeship secured by the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, upon the money of the Queen City lodge, No. 1,550, Loyal Order of Moose, certain of their just debts are and must remain unpaid until the trusteeship is removed. The petition is signed by Edward Lavalley, trustee and agent, and Claude D. Gratton, solicitor of the Queen City lodge, No. 1,550, Loyal Order of Moose, and the injunction was served upon R. Clyde L'Amoreux, supreme dictator, director and agent of the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose.

## WAY IS INELIGIBLE.

Yale Pitcher Twirled One Season for Nor-  
wich University.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 19.—Nelson M. (Pie) Way of Manchester, N. H., Yale's premier pitcher, will be ineligible for the nine this spring, it was announced last night. Way played baseball a year at Norwich university before coming to Yale and as he already played two years at Yale he automatically becomes ineligible on account of the three-year rule.

Way was a tackle on the football team last fall and won the Princeton game by a sensational touchdown.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Stella Brown of South Main street left the city this morning for Schenectady, N. Y., where she will reside.

Sprague Drennan, a senior in Dartmouth college at Hanover, N. H., is spending the week end at his home on Washington street.

To-morrow at 3 p. m. in the opera house, Hon. M. R. Patterson and Dr. M. S. Swearer, well-known speaker on "Dry America." Hear them—adv.

George M. Marmon of Merchant street is able to be at his place of business on Depot square, after having been detained at home by an attack of the grip.

Rev. J. B. Reardon of Church street has returned from Putney, where he was called to attend the funeral of Barbara Lawrence, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Lawrence.

In a series of four lectures beginning Sunday night, Feb. 20, at 7 o'clock in the auditorium of the First Baptist church, and continuing for four successive Sundays, Dr. J. F. Piani proposes to prove that we are living in the best age of the world's history. The subjects to be treated are: (1) "The Roman Empire, as the Embodiment of All That Is Perseverance;" (2) "The Barbarian Period, as the Embodiment of Failure for Amelioration;" (3) "The Christian Answer to the Needs of a World Born and Kept in Sin;" (4) "The Present as Center of Missionary Enterprise and Betterment."

A judgment for the plaintiff to recover was returned in city court to-day in the ejectment proceedings brought by George I. Beckley of Liberty street against John Brechia, who resides in the same neighborhood. A decision on the part of the counsel to ask for a jury trial in the case was recalled yesterday and an adjournment was reached to-day, although the amount of damages has not been fixed by the city court magistrate. It is stated that the defendant is moving his household goods from Liberty street to Church street. William Wisbart appeared for Mr. Beckley and the defendant was represented by A. A. Sargent.

In Probate Court.  
In probate court this afternoon Thomas Reynolds of Moretown was appointed administrator of the estate of James T. Reynolds, late of Moretown, and the will of Margaret Gannon, late of Montpelier, was filed for probate.

OFFERED POST  
AT PETROGRAD

David R. Francis of St. Louis  
May Have the Ap-  
pointment

FORMER SECRETARY  
OF THE INTERIOR

The Resignation of George  
T. Marye Has Been  
Accepted

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—A response from Dr. R. Francis of St. Louis as to whether he would accept the ambassadorship to Russia was awaited by the president to-day. Francis was secretary of the interior under President Cleveland.

Marye's Resignation Accepted.  
Petrograd, via London, Feb. 19.—George T. Marye, United States ambassador to Russia, has received notification from the state department that his resignation has been accepted, but he is requested to remain at his post until the arrival of the first secretary of the embassy, Fred M. Dearing, who is on his way from Madrid.

NICARAGUAN TREATY  
RATIFIED, 55 TO 18

Provides a Year Option on Nicaraguan  
Canal Route and Naval Base in  
Gulf of Fonseca for  
\$3,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—The Senate late yesterday by a vote of 55 to 18 ratified the long pending and persistently opposed Nicaraguan treaty, whereby the United States would acquire a ninety-nine year option on the Nicaraguan canal route and a naval base in the Gulf of Fonseca for \$3,000,000.

Included in the ratification resolution was a provision declaring that the United States in obtaining the naval base does not intend to violate any existing rights in the Fonseca gulf of Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador, which had protested against the proposed requirement.

Five Democratic senators voted against the treaty. They were Chamberlain, Martine, Clarke of Arkansas, Thomas and Vardaman. Republicans who voted against ratification were Borah, Clapp, Cummings, Gorman, Jones, Kenyon, La Follette, McChesney, Nelson, Norris, Smith of Michigan, Smoot and Warren.

Fifteen Republican senators joined the administration forces in support of the treaty. They were Brandegee, Colt, Dillingham, Dupont, Fall, Gallinger, Harding, Lippitt, Lodge, McLean, Page, Pendergast, Sutherland, Wadsworth and Weeks.

Immediately after the Senate had acted, Senator Chamorro, the Nicaraguan minister, said he would at once communicate with his government and that he expected ratification of the convention by his government would soon follow and exchanges made to put the treaty in force.

MORE MENINGITIS.  
One New Case Developed at Brandon and  
Precautions are Taken.

Brandon, Feb. 19.—One new case of spinal meningitis has developed here since Thursday, that of Miss Margaret O'Connors, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connors. Miss O'Connors is a student in the high school and her seat is just opposite that of Miss Peabody, who developed the disease Friday and who is in a serious condition. This makes five cases in all, two of which have been fatal. Dr. C. H. Beecher of Burlington, a member of the state board of health, was in Brandon Thursday evening and administered serum to all the victims of the disease. There will be no Sunday services in any of the churches and all public gatherings have been postponed by order of the health officer. The schools will not re-open until further notice. All teachers whose homes are away from Brandon left to-day.

## CAUSE UNKNOWN.

But Four People Were Killed and Dozen  
Were Injured by Explosion.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Four persons were killed, at least a dozen others injured, some seriously, and heavy property damage was caused by an explosion last night in the Split Rock plant of the Semet-Solvay company.

The plant which was developed since the outbreak of the European war is one of the largest in the country engaged in the manufacture of pyric acid, which is used in explosives and synthetic dyes. It has been heavily guarded day and night. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained.

## NECK WAS BROKEN.

A. M. Covey's Body Was Found in a  
Grafton Wood Lot.

Bellows Falls, Feb. 19.—It was learned here yesterday that the body of A. M. Covey was found Thursday afternoon lying beside his sled in a wood lot in Grafton. Mr. Covey, who was about 53 years of age, did not come home when expected and his daughter went to the lot and found him dead with his neck broken. It is not known how the accident occurred. Mr. Covey formerly was road commissioner for Grafton, had been selectman, and represented Grafton in the legislature in the session of 1910. He was the owner of a sawmill.

MUSICAL CONVENTION  
AT EAST MONTPELIER

Was Closed Most Successfully Last  
Evening, Concerts Being Splendidly  
Given Before Large Audiences.

The annual musical convention at East Montpelier, conducted by C. F. Dudley, which closed Friday night, proved the best ever, there being a large attendance and much enthusiasm. Not much real business was accomplished Thursday forenoon, when the convention opened, but at the afternoon rehearsal the actual work of the convention began.

Friday was a promising day, with weather as mild as spring. A bountiful dinner of chicken-pie, salads, rolls, cakes, ice cream and coffee was served by the grangers to about 150 people. In the afternoon a musical program was given, consisting of the following numbers: Duet, Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Young, "Come Sing to Me"; encore, "Whispering Hope"; song, Mrs. L. C. Hammett, "Sing, Sing, Birds on the Wing"; encore, "Little Pink Rose"; song, Mr. Bigelow, "For the King" (Bonheur); encore, "Garden of Roses" (Schmidt); song, Mrs. Hattie Willard, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling"; encore, "At Dawning" (Cushman); duet, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Chapple, "Greeting"; encore, "Voices of the Past"; piano solo, Mrs. Van Orman, "Music Among the Pines" (Wyman); encore, "Old Black Joe" (with variations); song, Miss Cate, "Who Knows?"; encore, "Mother March"; song, Miss Patrick, "Summer"; encore, "Nightingale"; song, Mrs. Russell, "A Little Bit of Heaven" (Balt); encore, "Loch Lomond"; song, W. L. Lane, "Adoration" (Talmor); song, "Aht Let Me Dream."

The evening program never was better. The chorus of 76 voices surpassed that of other years in the rendering of their parts. The program was as follows: Song, Mrs. E. Spencer, "The Angel at the Window"; encore, "What a Little Bird Told Me"; chorus, song, Mr. Bigelow, "The Village Blacksmith"; encore, "Roll On, Thou Dark Blue Sea"; duet, Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Hammett, "I Am Waiting for the Lord"; encore, "Love in May"; song, reading, Dr. Lynde, "Elkanna B. Ackinson"; encore, "Little Baptiste"; song, Mrs. Bellows, "The Links of Love"; encore, "A Prayer"; chorus, piano solo, Mrs. Van Orman; song, Mrs. Hattie Willard, "Sunset" (Burke); chorus, song, W. L. Lane, "My Heart Goes Out to You"; encore, "Aht Let Me Dream"; reading, Dr. Lynde, "Uncle Lisha's Spring Gun"; encore, "Another Tea Rebellion"; chorus.

At the close of the concert, supper was served by a dance, at which the orchestra of the Vermont Grange, under Van Orman's leadership, furnished the light music. This ended the 18th annual convention, with pleasant memories and avowed intentions of coming again next year. East Montpelier expressed their appreciation of the musical treat by their hospitality to the out-of-town singers and their loyal support throughout the convention. It was altogether the largest and most imposing affair of the season at East Montpelier.

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## NEWSPAPER WORKERS IN SESSION

Were Guests of the University of Ver-  
mont at Burlington.

Burlington, Feb. 19.—The annual meeting of the Vermont Press association was held in this city yesterday, and during the afternoon and evening the members were the guests of the University of Vermont, the afternoon session being held at Billings library and a banquet being served by the university in the gymnasium in the evening. In the afternoon Dr. Talcott Williams, head of the Columbia School of Journalism and President K. L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts College of Agriculture spoke.

Officers were elected as follows: President, H. L. Hildley of Rutland; secretary-treasurer, John T. Cushing of St. Albans; vice-presidents for the several counties—Addison, W. H. Wheeler of Vergennes; Bennington, Otto R. Bennett of Manchester; Caledonia, J. E. Appolt of Hardwick; Chittenden, Joseph Auld of Burlington; Franklin, D. M. Tobin of Swanton; Lamoille, L. P. Thayer of Morrisville; Orange, Miss Sara K. Parker of Bradford; Orleans, D. W. Hill of Newport; Rutland, C. T. Fairfield of Rutland; Washington, M. E. Whittey of Northfield; Windham, W. E. Hubbard of White River Junction; C. J. Jamison of White River Junction.

The banquet last evening was prepared and served by the home economic department of the University of Vermont, and the waitresses were Vermont girls who are students in that department. It was a "Vermont banquet," each county of the state being represented by some product. Addition was represented by flour, apples and honey; Bennington by ginger ale; Caledonia by candy; Chittenden by milk, cream, cream cheese, flour, malt products, vegetable and candy; Essex by potatoes; Franklin by maple syrup; Grand Isle by fish; Lamoille by butter and maple syrup; Orange by maple sugar; Orleans by cranberries; Rutland by cheese; Washington by butter and crackers; Windham by paper for menu cards and leaflets; Windsor by apples, asparagus and turkeys.

One other feature of the day was a complimentary breakfast at the Van Ness given by Editor Arthur Howard of Burlington.

## PREDICTS DRY VERMONT MARCH 7.

And Dry United States Inside of Five  
Years.

Prof. C. S. Longacre delivered a very strong temperance lecture in the opera house last night to a good-sized audience. He said in part:

"Follow citizens: I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I am going to venture a prophecy, and that is that on March 7, Vermont will go dry, and that inside of five years, the nation will go dry. Do you ask me how I know? Because we have now states which are on the dry list. It will take only 36 states to make the nation dry and I believe we are going to see that thing. The South and middle West are practically dry now."

The greatest enemy of man to-day is the liquor demon. It destroys the peace of the home, breaks down the bulwarks of the family, debauches American citizenship, threatens the very existence of the republic and ruthlessly assaults the most sacred inheritance of every man, woman and child, the right of life, liberty and happiness. It is a business, which has no constitutional rights, because our constitution does not give one man a right to sell or give to another man that which will make him a criminal or a subject for the insane asylum."

WESTERLY QUARRY-  
MEN GET INCREASE  
UP TO 15 PER CENT.

Announcement Made That the Westerly  
Granite Manufacturers' Association  
Would Put Bill Into Effect  
March 1.

Westerly, R. I., Feb. 19.—The Westerly Granite Manufacturers' association has announced a 13 to 15 per cent increase in wages of 200 members of the local quarry workers' union, effective March 1.

## BODY TAKEN TO MARSHFIELD

After Funeral of Taylor O. Parker Was  
Held in Barre.

Funeral services for Taylor O. Parker, whose death occurred Thursday afternoon, were held at his late home, 110 South Main street, this forenoon at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Reardon, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The bearers were: V. E. Ayers, W. A. Bradford, W. H. Ward and C. N. Kenyon.

The remains were taken later to Marshfield, where interment was made in the Dwinell cemetery. The bearers at the grave were: George E. Bond, F. W. Pearce, Albert Lamberton and H. B. McCrillie. Among those who went from Barre to attend the funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kenyon.

John Vercoe of Park street is in receipt of a letter from his son, John Vercoe, jr., who has been seriously ill of pneumonia in Denver, Col., stating that he is now well on the road to recovery. Previous advice from the young man's physician stated that his condition was very critical and reassurances from the patient himself that he is convalescing were very gladly received by his relatives and friends in Barre.

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Two college boys, one of them terribly affected with that form of insanity called "love," coupled with a complicated case of mistaken identity, combine to make a plot which is full of ludicrous situations and clever dialogue. Winnifred Smith in his character of "Bobbie Baxter" won the applause of the audience many times with his manly troubles in attempting to pose as a lady; Miss Ruie Angell has before exhibited her skill in the character of a "madame lady," but easily outdid her former efforts in her role of "Aunt Jane"; Edmund Loranger was a scream in his portrayal of a greedy colored porter; while Cyril Marston acted the part of the sporty but hypocritical "Uncle William" in a highly creditable manner. Others of the cast were equally good. In fact it was hardly possible to pick the stars, for there was no one in the play who failed to please.

The play was staged under the direction of Miss Eva Smith of the high school faculty and spoke for itself as evidence of her ability. The cast was as follows: Sam, the colored porter, Edmund E. Loranger; Tim, a bellboy, Walter McHugh; William Tinker, Cyril Marston; Aunt Jane, his sister, Ruie Angell; Suzette, Aunt Jane's maid, Loraine Loranger; Jane, his niece, Ida M. Carusi; Bobbie Baxter, in love with Jane, D. Winnifred Smith; Benjamin More, Stanley Tassie; Kitty, an actress, Tena Hooker.

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dermanic Nomination

TWO OTHER ALDER-  
MEN RENOMINATE

Healy Named in W. Two  
and Keast in Ward  
Four

Only one contest developed in the citizens' caucuses in four wards of the city last night, that being in the sixth, where Henry Alexander was opposed to Alderman A. E. Bruce for the nomination for alderman and was defeated by the present incumbent of the office by a vote of 40 to 28. Immediately after the caucus Mr. Alexander's name was filed with the city clerk as a candidate for the position under the designation of "Independent," the signatures of eight men being attached to his papers.

Besides having the only contest, the sixth ward caucus was the most largely attended of the evening. The city courtroom was crowded when Dr. Joe W. Jackson called the gathering to order and superintended the organization, which was completed by the election of Earl R. Davis as chairman and Arthur E. Campbell as clerk. In retiring as temporary chairman, Mr. Jackson took the occasion to state that he was not to be a candidate for school commissioner, his term expiring next month, and he also thanked the voters of the ward for their support during the years of his service. Dr. Jackson's announcement seemed to take the caucus by surprise, and there was considerable delay when nominations for the candidacy for school commissioner were called for. After a time the name of William H. Eager was placed before the caucus and, there being no other nominations, Mr. Eager was chosen the candidate by acclamation.

When the aldermanic nomination came up, things took a more lively turn. James Smart promptly nominating Henry Alexander and James Curtis nominating Alderman Bruce. There were numerous secondings. Voting was by ballot, the tellers being Messrs. Smart, Curtis, W. H. Eager and Bernice E. Newcomb. There was a temporary halt in the voting while the